

Union Republican Party.

The Republican party of the United States assembled in National Convention in the city of Philadelphia on the 5th and 6th days of July 1872.

First. During eleven years of supremacy it has accepted with grand courage the solemn duties of the time. It suppressed a giant rebellion, emancipated four millions of slaves, decreed the equal citizenship of all, and established universal suffrage.

Second. The recent amendments to the National Constitution should be cordially sustained because they are right, not merely tolerated because they are a law, and should be carried out according to their spirit by appropriate legislation.

Third. Complete liberty and exact equality in the enjoyment of all civil, political, and public rights should be established and effectually maintained throughout the Union.

Fourth. The national Government should seek to maintain honorable peace with all nations, protecting its citizens everywhere, and sympathizing with all peoples who strive for greater liberty.

Fifth. Any system of the civil service under which the subordinate positions of the Government are considered rewards for mere party zeal is fatally demoralizing, and we therefore favor a reform of the system by laws which shall abolish the evils of patronage, and make honesty, efficiency, and fidelity the essential qualifications for public positions.

Sixth. We are opposed to further grants of the public land to corporations and monopolies, and demand that the national domain be set apart for free homes for the people.

Seventh. The annual revenue, after paying current expenditures, pensions, and the interest on the public debt, should furnish a moderate balance for the reduction of the principal, and that revenue, except so much as may be derived from a tax upon tobacco and liquor, should be raised by duties upon importations, the details of which should be so adjusted as to aid in securing remunerative wages to labor and promote the industries, prosperity, and growth of the whole country.

Eighth. We hold in undying honor the soldiers and sailors whose valor saved the Union. Their positions are a sacred debt of the nation, and the widows and orphans of those who die for their country are entitled to the care of a generous and grateful people.

Ninth. The doctrines of Great Britain and other European powers concerning allegiance—once a subject always a subject—having at last, through the efforts of the Republican party, been abandoned, and the American idea of the individual's right to transfer allegiance having been accepted by European nations, it is the duty of our Government to guard with jealous care the rights of adopted citizens against the assumption of unauthoritative claims by their former governments, and we urge careful enforcement and protection of voluntary immigration.

Tenth. The franking privilege ought to be abolished, and the way prepared for a speedy reformation of post law.

Eleventh. Among the questions which press for attention is that which concerns the relations of capital and labor, and the Republican party recognizes the duty of so shaping legislation as to secure full protection and the widest field for capital, and for labor—the creation of capital—the largest opportunities and a just share of the mutual profits of these two great servants of civilization.

Twelfth. We hold that Congress and the Executive have only fulfilled an imperative duty in their measures for the suppression of violent and treasonable organizations in certain rebellious regions, and for the protection of the ballot-box, and therefore they are entitled to the thanks of the nation.

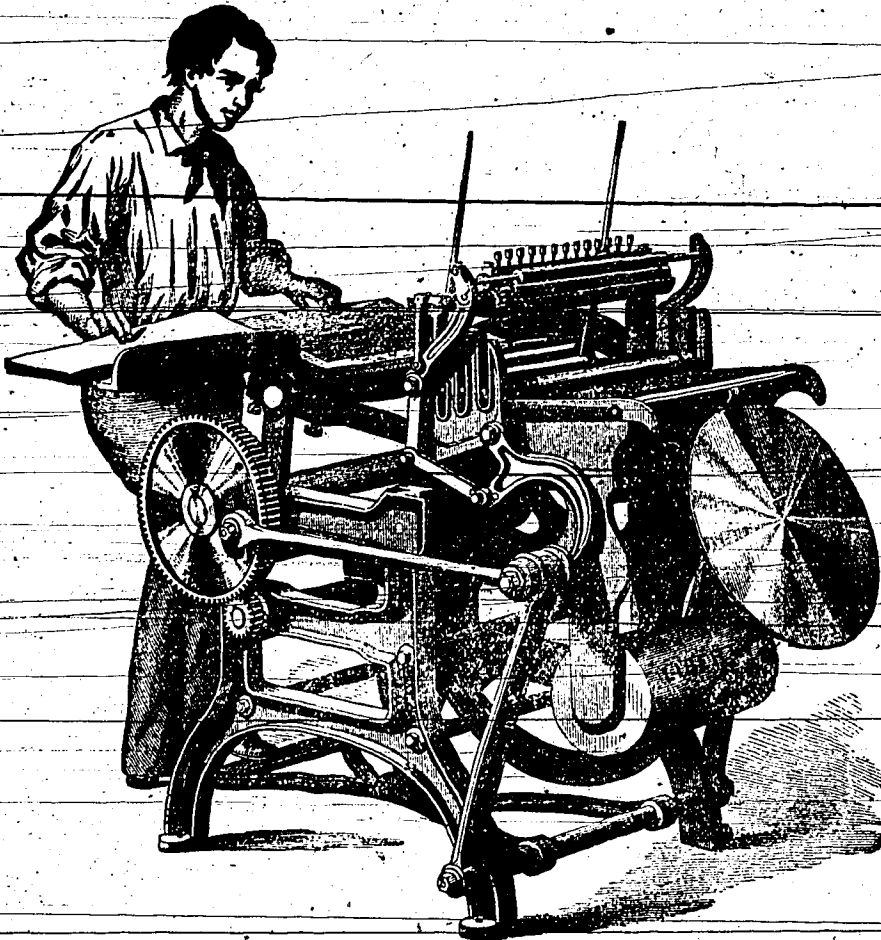
Thirteenth. We denounce repudiation of the public debt in any form or disguise, as a national crime. We witness with pride the resolution of the principal of the debt, and of the steps of interest upon the balance; and confidently expect that our excellent national currency will be perfected by a speedy resumption of specie payment.

Fourteenth. The Republican party is mindful of its obligation to the loyal women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of freedom. Their admission to wider field of usefulness viewed with satisfaction, and the urgent demand of any of us of citizens for additional rights should be treated with respectful consideration.

Fifteenth. We heartily approve the action of Congress in extending amnesty to those lately in rebellion, and rejoice in the growth of peace and fraternal feeling throughout the land.

Sixteenth. The Republican party proposes to respect the rights reserved by the people to themselves as carefully as the papers delegated by them to the Executive and the Federal Government. It disapproves of the resort to unconstitutional laws for the purpose of removing evils, by late license with rights not surrendered by the people to either the State or National Government.

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